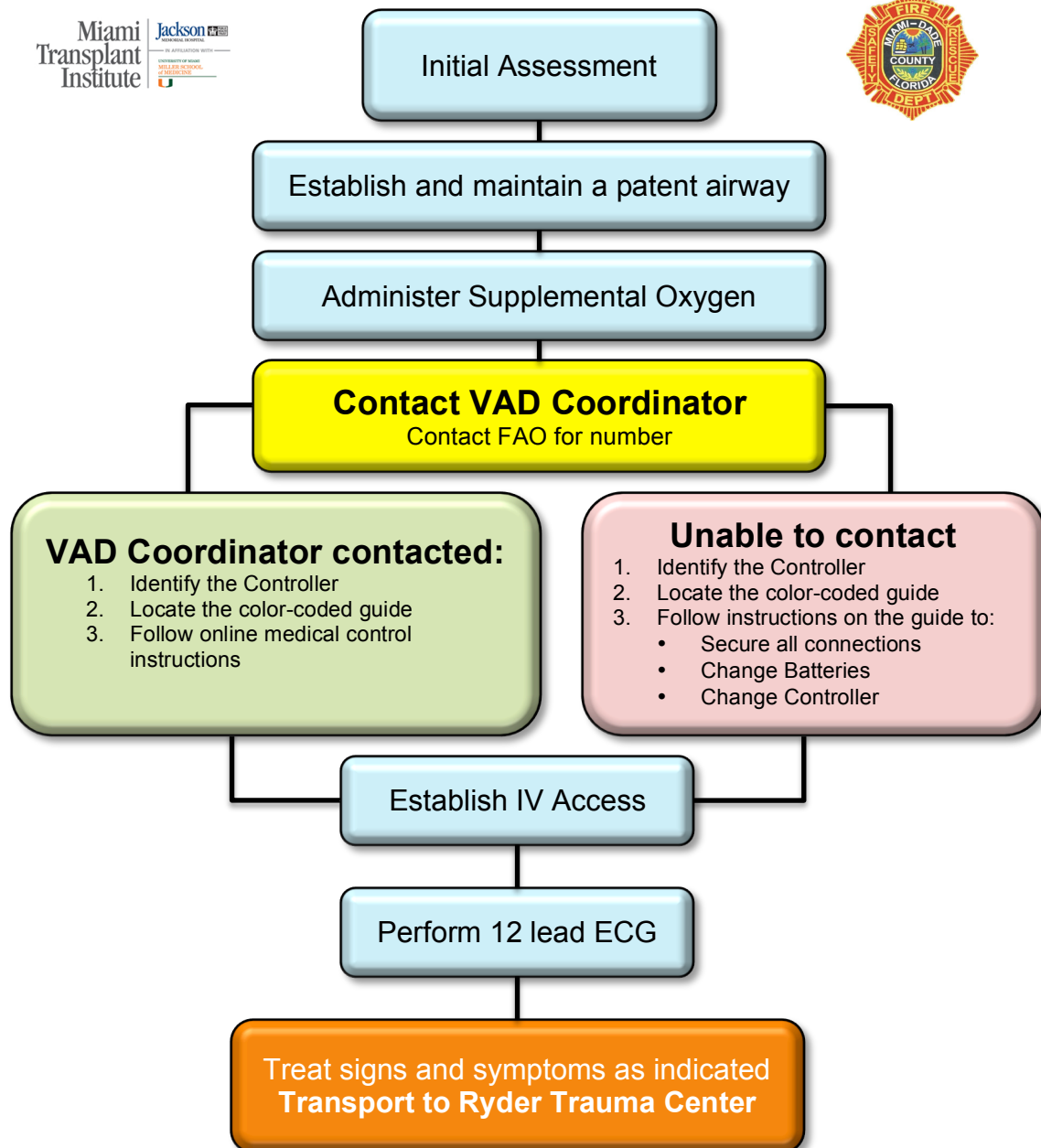


VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE (VAD)



When to perform CPR:

CPR must be considered a LAST RESORT for VAD patients. Only when connections are confirmed to be secure, battery replacement fails and the secondary controller fails is CPR an option. When this occurs, and the patient is unresponsive, pulseless, and apneic AND there is no activity auscultated from the device follow (PROTOCOL 9) and attempt resuscitation.